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MEDICINE FOR SNAKE BITE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientists at the V.M. Scientific Research Foundation, Bangalore have developed a special kind of hen (Golden hen) whose egg would be helpful in producing medicine for snake-bite; and

(b) if so, the viewpoint of the Government with regard to the aforesaid experiment?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) & (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, V.M. Scientific Research Foundation Bangalore is reported to have successfully developed Anti-Snake Venom in chicken egg immunizing Leghorn Birds with Sub lethal doses of each type of snake venom. The research is reported to have reached a fairly advanced stage and the anti snake venom extracted from the eggs is being tested for its purity, efficacy and safety before it could be submitted for clinical trials.